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STATE AFL MAPS POLITICAL PROGRAM

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO PLAN LEGISLATIVE, POLITICAL FIGHT

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Miami.—Legislative and political problems held the limelight as the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor was called to order by President William Green at the opening of its annual mid-winter meeting here.

The Council is expected to consider and pass judgment upon the outstanding measures now pending before Congress. After these decisions are made and other internal problems are disposed of, the Council will meet with the Administrative Committee of Labor's League for Political Education to draft concrete plans for the AFL's political activities in the election campaigns this year.

Foremost among the matters on the agenda of the LLPE conference are the drafting of a political program and the choice of an executive director for the League. Mr. Green is its national chairman and AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany will serve in a similar capacity for the League, but a full-time executive director, with national political standing, is being sought, as well as an assistant director who is thoroughly familar with the AFL's policies and its organizational structure.

On the legislative front, the Executive Council is expected to give a strong endorsement to the Marshall Plan, with the proviso that labor and other functional groups be given at least an advisory voice in its administration.

The inflation crisis will come in for considerable discussion and exploration as the increasing cost of living already has wiped out most wage gains of union members. The big question will be whether the Executive Council will go so far as to support demands for the revival of price controls.

Tax reduction proposals will also come under review by the Executive Council, as well as suggestions that excess profits taxes be reimposed as a brake on inflation.

Unquestionably, the Executive Council will renew its attacks on the Taft-Hartley Act and call for its immediate repeal, although the make-up of the present Congress indicates little likelihood of such action at this session.

The Executive Council may also express its views on the drive for enactment of universal military training legislation, which in the past has been sternly opposed by labor.

In addition to these matters, it is expected that the Executive Council will again urge the enactment of a comprehensive long-range housing program, broader social security and an increase of the federal minimum wage to at least 75 cents an hour. It is also likely that the Council will throw its support to the efforts of the unions representing government employees to obtain pay increases made necessary by higher living costs.

NLRB Is Legree For Publishers, Says ITU Head

Indianapolis—The NLRB is filling the role of whip-cracking Simon Legree for big business publishers under the Taft-Hartley act, President Woodruff Randolph of the International Typographical Union (AFL) charged here as the board filed a federal court petition for a nation-wide injunction against the ITU.

Judge Luther M. Swygert ordered the union to show cause at a hearing February 9 why it should not be enjoined and restrained from strikes and slowdowns.

The injunction petition "asks that the ITU officers be restrained from everything publisher aides claim we are doing that they do not like," Randolph countered angrily. "The NLRB is shown up for what it is under the slave labor Taft-Hartley law, a Simon Legree. Cracking the whip for big business in the newspaper field, the NLRB asks for an injunction based on the imagination of those preparing the complaint."

Randolph charged that the law "gives bureaucrats authority to stymie all decent trade union activity with injunctions worded as such injunctions always are, such as 'or by any other similar or related acts or conduct.'" The ITU will use every legal means possible "to preserve our freedoms," he said.

Winthrop A. Johns, NLRB trial attorney who filed the injunction petition, said the action was taken to "preserve control" pending final rulings by the board on charges of unfair labor practices brought against the ITU by the American Newspaper Publishers Association November 17 under the Taft-Hartley act. Hearings on the charges are now under way in Chicago.

The injunction would impose the most sweeping ban on union activities yet attempted by the NLRB. Attorneys for the board said that if the injunction is granted and a newspaper strike, involving any of the alleged unfair labor practices charged against the union, should be allowed to continue despite the court order, then the federal court here could impose contempt of court penalties against Randolph and three other top ITU officers.

GOP WANTS FREE ECONOMY— THEY GET IT!

Washington. — The exercise of the right of free American profiteers to charge what the traffic will bear ironically enough brought grumbles of anger from members of the Republican National Committee meeting here.

What the GOP chieftains were complaining about was a report that Philadelphia hotel men had found their party's national convention in June a real windfall and were already backing up hotel rates 50 to 100 per cent in anticipation of a well-heeled crowd. Not only that, but the hotels had lowered their promised number of rooms from 6,000 to 4,500.

Had enough?

PETRILLO WINS



After being acquitted by a Chicago federal judge of charges of violating the anti-labor Lea Act, President James C. Petrillo of the American Federation of Musicians (AFL) is congratulated by his lawyer, Daniel Carmel. This decision finally closes the case that started more than a year ago.

Union Leaders On School Bond Committee Here

Union officials have been named on the campaign committee in behalf of the $2,711,000 school bond proposition in Salinas. The funds would provide improvements to the high school, erect a new Alisal junior high school, convert Washington School into a junior high, and other improvements.

George R. Harter, business agent of Carpenters 925; J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers 272, and Carl Lara, business agent for both Painters 1104 and Electricians 243, have been named to the school bond committee. The bond election is in the Salinas High School district on Tuesday, February 10.

A meeting was held last week with union officials and the superintendent of the Salinas Union High School district to outline a campaign program.

Bartenders 545 Hold Banquet For Jim D'Arcy

Bartenders Union 545 of Salinas was host recently at a banquet at which International Vice President James D'Arcy of Los Angeles was guest of honor, reports Business Agent Al Clark.

The banquet was held at the Jeffrey Hotel and followed the union's regular meeting, at which D'Arcy installed new officers, including President William K. Harman, Vice President Virgil Knight and Secretary-Business Representative A. J. ("Al") Clark.

Clark reports that the union now has established offices at the Salinas Labor Temple. He will be in the office from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m.

MORE CABS IN SALINAS NOW UNION

Two more taxicab companies in Salinas have signed up with Teamsters Union 890, it was reported, making four taxicab firms under full union agreement.

Salinas Cab Co. and Carl's Cab Co., both owned by William Packwood and Lester Rogers, partners, signed with Local 890 last week.

Rogers formerly was personnel manager for Spiegl Foods and is a former member of San Jose Teamsters 287 as well as Local 890.

Business Agent Albert Harris of Local 890 urges that all residents give preference to union taxicab companies, which include now the Salinas Cab Co., Carl's Cab Co., Yellow Cab Co., and Checker Cab Co. All other firms are non-union, Harris added.

TWO UNIONISTS ON JURY PANEL FROM SALINAS

Two prominent persons in the union labor field in the Salinas area have been drawn as prospective members of the Monterey County Grand Jury, it was disclosed last week.

They are George R. Harter, business agent of Carpenters 925, and Frances Haynes, office secretary for Teamsters 890.

From the Monterey area, Dale L. Ward, former business manager for the Building Trades Council, has been drawn on the panel.

Superior Judge H. G. Jorgensen who named the panel is a former union carpenter, according to reports. Organized Labor has been trying for years to get a representative on the Grand Jury.

Carl Lara Active In South County

Carl Lara, business representative for Electricians 243 and Painters 1104, both unions at Salinas, has been active in past weeks in organizing efforts in the King City and southern area of Monterey County.

Lara returned from King City last Friday to announce that plans for setting up branch local unions for both crafts in King City are nearing completion.

Political Meet Maps Program Of Election Issues

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Joint political action of labor and other groups in this area got under way at the Eleventh Congressional District Legislative Conference held in San Luis Obispo, Sunday, January 18. A hundred delegates and observers from AFL and other unions, farmers, senior citizens, veterans, Democratic committeemen, and members of civic groups worked out a common platform.

Delegates from three railroad brotherhoods, two CIO unions, many AFL locals and councils participated in the session which drew up a "yardstick" of issues by which to measure candidates for political office from this district. George Rice of the Monterey Central Labor Council and Local 483 presided over the meeting, and William Kenyon, business agent for the Teamsters 890, was one of the keynote speakers.

State Senator Chris Jesperson of San Luis Obispo warned that political apathy has let men like Representative George E. Bramblett into office, leaving the few progressive legislators in Congress and the legislature without any support. He added that the same men who voted against labor last year are the same who fought aid to farmers, senior citizens, education and public health, the same men who support the unAmerican activities which will bring the United States to Gestapo rule unless the voters check them. He and George Roberts, from the Oil-workers, pointed out that reapportionment of the state senate would help liberalize that body.

Will Erickson, Paso Robles farmer, stated that a high standard of living for labor makes them good consumers of farm products, and that boom-and-bust markets are as hard on farmers as on wage-earners.

REPEAL T-H BILL

Repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law was demanded by many speakers and given top place on the report of the labor panel, presided over by John McBain, business agent of the local Brotherhood of Telephone Workers. They also recommended extension of social security to all workers, increase of the state and federal minimum wage to 75 cents an hour, unemployment

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FISH COMING TO MONTEREY FROM SOUTH

More sardines and mackerel are being trucked to the famed "Cannery Row" at Monterey from southern ports for processing here, according to the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union.

Boats may move northward, however, in an effort to find the large schools of sardines reported in waters off Point Reyes, it was reported.

The Fish Cannery Workers Union reports that the signup of members for the union's new $1000 insurance is unusually good and the program is assured of success.

Another Voter Registrar Named

Another deputy registrar of voters was named for the Salinas Labor Temple last week by the county clerk.

Carl Lara, president of the Salinas Labor Council and business manager for Painters 1104 and Electricians 243, was sworn in as a registrar last week by County Clerk McMenamin.

Lara's hours in his office are 8 to 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 5 p.m.

County Union Leaders Attend Political Meet

Officials of unions in Monterey and Salinas were in attendance at a political conference at San Luis Obispo.

Attending the meeting of the California Legislative Conference were Peter A. Andrade and William G. Kenyon, both former secretaries of the Salinas labor council; George Rice, business agent of Monterey Culinary-Bartenders 483, and Wayne Edwards, secretary of the Monterey labor council, and a number of others.

SALINAS AFL DRAFTS PACT FOR BUILDERS

A simple agreement which contractors are expected to sign has been prepared by the Salinas Building Trades Co-ordinating Committee (AFL) and is being submitted to the Independent Contractors Club for signature, it was reported.

Text of the agreement is:

"The following and undersigned contractors, members of the Independent Contractors Club, Salinas, California, do hereby agree to be bound by all the provisions of the now existing agreement by and between the Associated General Contractors of Central and Northern California, and all AFL Building Trades unions and crafts."

Contractors are represented in the contractor group by William M. Goodman, secretary-treasurer.

Henry A. Hoyt, A. F. Carlsen, E. M. Carlsen, Wm. M. Coolidge, Al Davis, Harry A. Ekelin, J. A. Erickson, George L. Fish, Wm. M. Goodman, F. V. Hampshire, Cliff Hicks, Alfred H. Junker, C. W. Lunt, Ernest M. Lunt, Joe H. McPherson, A. B. Willoughby.

Culinary-Bartender Secretaries Meet In Watsonville

Secretaries of culinary alliances and bartenders' unions from Santa Cruz, Monterey, Salinas, Watsonville, San Jose and San Mateo were scheduled to meet this Wednesday in Watsonville, it was reported.

The meeting was called to talk over mutual problems and was to be headed by J. H. Morgan, state association vice president in the district.

Representatives due to attend included Secretary Mildred Rowe of Watsonville, Business Agent Harry Parry of Santa Cruz, both representing Local 345; Secretary Bertha Boles of Salinas Local 467, Secretary Al Clark of Salinas Local 545; Secretary George Rice of Monterey Local 483; Secretary Morgan of San Jose Local 577; Secretary King of San Jose Local 180, and Secretary T. A. Small of San Mateo Local 340.

Culinary 467 Reports Gain In Membership

Growth of Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas since the union was restored from its former trusteeship and new officers elected three months ago was reported last week by Bertha Boles, union secretary.

At the first meeting this month, 18 new members were initiated and a large class was scheduled for initiation at the meeting this week, she said.

Rusty's Snack Shack, cafe on North Main Street, Salinas, has signed a union agreement with Culinary 467. This cafe, operated by Tony Pacchelli, is now worthy of patronage by members of all unions, Secretary Boles advises.

Recreational Stadium Starts In Salinas Area

Start of a new recreational stadium on East Market Street, in the Salinas area, is reported by Business Agents J. B. McGinley of Laborers 272 and George Harter of Carpenters 925.

The stadium will have a ⅝-mile race track, grand stands, and other facilities.

Foreman on the job is Ivan Miller, member of Carpenters 925 and well known in Salinas central labor council activities.

Culinary 467, Bartenders 545 Enjoy Banquet

A joint banquet for members of Culinary Alliance 467 and Bartenders 545, both Salinas unions, was held at the Air Base Inn with a good attendance from both unions.

Entertainment and a few short speeches were offered along with the delicious buffet dinner, it is reported.

DEER ELECTED SECRETARY OF SALINAS CLC

John Deer, former president of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas, has been elected secretary-treasurer of this organization without opposition.

Deer is business representative for Laundry Workers 258 and for Dry Cleaners 258-B. He was president for one term, 1946-7 but declined to seek the council post at last elections.

Retiring secretary is Peter A. Andrade, who is also secretary of Teamsters Union 890 which has had its jurisdiction greatly expanded recently. He resigned the council post because of pressure of his own union affairs.

Deer's election was unanimous when William G. ("Bud") Kenyon, former secretary, refused the nomination for the post. Both Kenyon and Deer had been nominated at the last council meeting of 1947 and because the council adjourned over the holidays Kenyon had had no opportunity to decline the nomination until the election meeting.

Laundry Workers, Cleaners Hold Routine Meetings

Laundry Workers 258 and Dry Cleaners 258-B held meetings last week with business generally routine, according to Business Manager John W. Deer. Two new members were accepted by Local 258-B at this group's meeting.

Deer, recovered from a sudden attack of influenza, has established his offices in the second office room of the Labor Temple, leaving only Laborers 272 and Mechanics and Machinists 1176 in the front office quarters.

Union Glazing Shops Listed

Union glass and glazier shops of the Salinas area were listed last week by Carl Lara, secretary of Painters 1104, as a service to union people of the area.

Auto glazier shops in Salinas area are the B. & B. Glass Shop, on East Alisal St., and Salinas Glass Co., on Salinas St. This latter firm also does domestic glazing, as does the McWilliams Glass Shop, another union glazing firm located on East Alisal St.

McGINLEY ILL

J. B. McGinley, business agent for Salinas Laborers 272 and representative for other building trades crafts in the Salinas area, was confined to his home last week with another attack of influenza, friends reported. Bro. McGinley was ill two weeks ago with a sudden attack of "flu" but had been back on the job and was believed to have recovered when he was stricken again.

CORRECTION

Due to an error in the January 13 issue of the Labor News it was stated that the new insurance for the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union was for $150. Actually, we are informed by Union Secretary Roy Humbracht, the correct amount is $500 with double indemnity for accidental death from non-occupational causes. The Labor News regrets any inconvenience which may have been caused by the error.

Rial Has Operation

R. A. "Dick" Rial, business agent for the Monterey County Building and Construction Trades Council, was scheduled to enter a Monterey hospital last week for a major abdominal operation, friends report.

He is expected to be off the job for a period of some six weeks, according to the reports.

British Unionists Fear Wage Freeze

London. — Concern is mounting among British unionists that the government is planning to force through a wage freeze and possible wage reductions. New speculation was aroused by the statement of Minister of Economic Affairs Sir Stafford Cripps that "production costs" must come down if Britain is to reach her 1948 export targets.

COUNCIL HITS THIRD PARTY; SUPPORTS MARSHALL PLAN

Executive council members of the California State Federation of Labor drew up a 15-point program to put power behind the recently-formed Labor's Educational and Political League of California and at the same time branded Henry Wallace's projected third party a "Communist maneuver" to knife the Marshall plan, at a meeting in Santa Barbara last week-end.

"The Communists' move to launch a third party was calculated to break up bipartisan support for the Marshall Plan," said the council in a four-page statement on the new political development. "It offers nothing to labor that labor cannot achieve by supporting its friends and opposing its enemies in the two existing parties."

However, the Executive Board stated, "We do not accuse every supporter of the third-party of being a Communist, but we do say they are confused and misguided . . . the abysmal failure of the 80th Congress to make any serious effort to solve the pressing problems confronting the people . . . such as inflation, housing and the like . . . has contributed to the growing skepticism on the part of many Americans regarding both parties."

Reapportionment of the state senate, repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and defeat of the legislators who voted for it, establishment of price control, a roll back of prices and continuation of rent controls without increases are points at the top of the 15-item program adopted at the meeting.

Turning their attention to the stiff battle being waged by 1,100 farm workers against the Di Giorgio interests in Kern County, the board voted to back the auto caravans expected to begin pouring in to Bakersfield this week from all parts of the state.

Federation secretary, C. J. Haggerty, said the cars will parade through Bakersfield and travel the length of the 19½-mile picket line being maintained by the National Farm Workers Union in a demonstration of solidarity of California's AFL behind the walkout now in its fourth month.

BACK CENTRAL VALLEY

While the 23 district vice presidents reaffirmed Federation support of the European Recovery Plan, they took exception to the provision calling for a gift of 500 American ships to the 16 nations participating in the program. The council held implementation of this point in the ERP would wreck the U. S. merchant fleet.

Whipping through other items in the program of the educational and political league, the council approved present bills before congress providing for development of the Central Valley Project, and voted "strongest possible opposition" to measures sponsored by California Senators Downey and Knowland to exempt the CV development from the 160-acre limitations of federal reclamation laws.

Remainder of the items approved were:

Easing tax burdens on lower income groups by raising the federal income tax exemption level to $1,000 and imposing a graduated tax on corporate earnings.

ASK HIGHER VET ALLOWANCE

Repeal of the state sales tax.

Raising of the federal minimum wage to at least 75 cents by an amendment to the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Increasing on-the-job training allowances and compensation for veterans without dependents to $200 and for those with dependents to $250 — specifically, enactment of Senate Bill 1393 which has already passed the upper house.

Increasing subsistence allowances to veteran students: no dependents, $75 a month; one dependent, $105; more than one dependent, $120. The executive council asked for House approval of a bill written to do this job which has already passed the Senate.

Adoption of legislation which will provide low-cost housing for veterans and other persons in need of homes. The federation, therefore, wants early enactment of the Wagner - Ellender - Taft Bill and other measures for housing that meet specifications of the AFL and the CSFL.

DEMAND STATE FEPC

A comprehensive social-insurance plan nationally and one for this state, including increased benefits, broadened coverage under the Social-Security Act and pre-paid medical health services such as those written in the Wagner-Murray-Pepper Bill.

Passage of a Fair Employment Practices Act by Congress as well as by the state legislature.

Expansion of educational facilities for the greatest number of people to be financed by federal funds. Creation of a labor education service in the Department of Labor in cooperation with colleges, research agencies.

The council's blast against the third-party said further:

"The principle concern of the Soviet Union is to destroy the Marshall Plan. This has, therefore, become the fundamental and major goal of the American Communist Party. Russia seeks to nullify the Marshall Plan because it is the main obstacle in her way to establish control over the European Continent.

"Her determination to restrict American intervention into the affairs of Europe in order to help stabilize them motivates the strategy behind the third-party move."

Letter Carriers Testify on Need For Pay Raise

Washington (LPA)—Hearings on pay raises for Government workers got off to a flying start last week as members of the National Association of Letter Carriers—AFL from all parts of the country testified before the Senate Civil Service Committee.

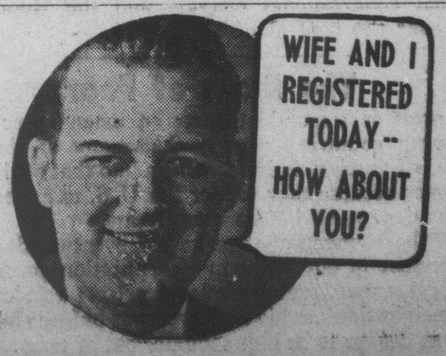
The testimony followed a legislative conference of nearly 700 letter carriers here who voted to ask for a wage boost of not less than $800. The present salary scale now runs from a $2100 minimum to a $3100 maximum which very few letter carriers receive.

The delegates also asked for legislation to increase retirement payments which now have a $23 maximum on which income taxes have to be paid. Union President William C. Doherty told the meeting that their pay demands have a good chance of being met.

The letter carriers told a Senate sub-committee considering the Ives-Chavez Bill for a $1000 increase in postal pay that in order to meet the high cost of living they have all had to hold down extra jobs as cab drivers, bartenders, doormen, or whatever other work they could get after hours. After their eight-hour work day, which starts at 5 a.m., they go off to the other jobs which supplement their income.

Six wives of union members told Senators William Langer (R., N.D.) Senators William Langer (R., N.D.), Dennis Chavez (D., N.Mex.) and Ralph E. Flanders (R., Vt.) some heartfelt stories on how their living standards have suffered under the current inflationary pressures. The women did an excellent job of relating the trials and tribulations of shopping for a family these days.

After the postal pay bill is voted on, the committee will consider pay hikes for other Government workers.



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How It Happened in 1946

How did it happen that in the United States, where all our workingmen and women who are citizens and of age have the same right to vote as those in the highest places, that the fascist Taft-Hartley slave law could be passed by our American Congress?

The reason this could and did happen is that many millions of working people did not bother to vote when the last Congressional election was held in 1946. In fact, much more than half of those who are citizens did not vote at all.

The result was that quite a few of the best friends labor had in Congress were defeated for re-election and anti-labor representatives took their places. Enough of these new (mis) representatives were elected to put over the Taft-Hartley law. This has created a condition which makes it necessary for the men and women of labor to wake up this year at least long enough to vote to replace these enemies of labor with others who stand pledged and can be relied upon to help repeal this slave bill. We cannot, however, elect any friends of labor unless we first nominate them at the primary, held in California June 1st.

Are you registered to vote? If not, don't permit another week to pass without going to the court house of the county in which you live and getting registered.

Migratory Workers Kept Moving

Although employment at the present time has reached its all-time peak of more than sixty million employed persons, without counting those who are in the military service as employees, there are still nearly two million listed as unemployed. Not a few of these drift into the ranks of migratory workers.

Since the "pot gangs" of 1893 formed along the rivers of the Midwest, while waiting for the harvesting and threshing seasons to open, the roaming workers without jobs—frequently designated by such odious names as "hoboes" and "tramps"—have been a considerable factor in American life. Their helplessness has made easy prey of these outcasts for certain types of employers.

In most cities and towns they are tolerated, even though broke, so long as they obey the rule of keeping on the move whenever they fail to obtain work or refuse to accept what may be offered. During periods of acute depression the task of taking care of the greatly enlarged army of unemployed assumes enormous proportions. The outstanding technique resorted to nearly everywhere is to provide these moneyless out-of-work persons with supper, lodging, and breakfast in various ways. Then next morning comes the stern command: "Move on." When work is more plentiful the floater's problem eases greatly, but don't make the mistake of imagining it has ceased to exist.

Why Labor Elected Democrats

It was when the Republican Party, under Hoover, became so hopelessly the agency of big business, that labor in despair began to look to the Democratic Party for relief. Roosevelt's good labor record as governor of New York attracted national attention. As President he pursued aggressively a clear-cut policy of giving labor a square deal and recognizing the right of labor to function through its unions. It was Roosevelt's labor policy that did more than all else to re-elect him as President three additional times. Under his leadership the Democratic Party became the outstanding pro-labor party of the United States. When Roosevelt passed away suddenly in April, 1945, his successor and other associates announced they were going to follow in his footsteps.

These promises were accepted by most people in good faith at first but it soon became evident a large number of the nation's lawmakers who had been elected as Roosevelt Democrats were more and more deserting the principles he had championed. So apparent had this become when the national election of 1946 was held that millions of Roosevelt's former supporters did not feel that reactionary Democrats and even more reactionary Republicans gave them anything worth choosing between. They expressed their disgust by not voting at all. Thus in 1946 the Democratic Party lost the national congressional election and the Republicans took over the control of Congress.

The Basis of Fear

A press correspondent, after an extended survey of European countries, reports that many of them are fearful of gearing their economies into that of the United States because they expect the U. S. to experience a serious depression before many years.

All the elements that make for eventual depression are present in our economy—corporation profits soaring, real wages lagging; inflated prices; a federal debt about eight times as big as it ever was before and a huge interest charge to be met annually out of taxes.

Truman Again Asks Congress For Price Lids

Washington.—The reluctant 80th Congress was asked again by President Truman for authority to impose selective price controls and consumer rationing along with power to "prevent wage increases where such action is necessary to maintain any price ceiling that may be established."

Sending Congress his annual economic report, Truman conceded that although "wage advances during 1947 kept up generally with the cost of living trend," they "did not gain the ground lost when price increases exceeded wage increases in 1946."

Truman repeated his proposal that wage control should be "restricted in its use, and might not need to be used at all. Its existence would not supersede the general practice of fixing wages by voluntary agreement, nor would it relieve labor of any of the responsibility it now bears for moderation in wage demands to help curb inflationary pressures."

In addition to re-emphasizing his belief in voluntary restraint by the public and by industry, Truman once more asked for extension of rent control and the strengthening of the present law. "Nothing could be more disastrous to the standard of living of millions of people, or better calculated to initiate another spiral of wages and prices, than the continuation of the sharp increases in rents now under way," he said.

With employment having touched a record high of 60 million in June 1947, Truman said the average for the year was about 58 million. While production was about 7 percent above 1946, he said, the output of goods and services did not quite reach the objective he set in his first economic report of 5 per cent over 1946.

Truman recalled that in his mid-year economic report he had warned against new inflationary forces, but that unfavorable developments "in agriculture, industry, and the international situation started changes in incomes and prices quite different from those recommended in my first economic report. Businessmen were in the main finding it easy to pass added costs on in price increases of like or greater amount."

WAGE ADJUSTMENTS

All of this found workers at the year's end making demands for further wage adjustments, he said.

Profits in 1947 were "substantially above the 1946 level, and remained high through the year as increased costs were covered, and in many cases exceeded by higher prices."

Truman found that "in spite of the heartening production record of the year, this inflationary trend was profoundly disturbing. It not only produced great inequities among our people, but also created the danger of a serious setback.

As objectives for 1948, the President listed first the halting of inflation and called for the carrying out of his full 10-point program. Congress has only enacted three of these points and the others, he said, "are needed, needed badly, and needed promptly."

The second objective for the year "should be to maintain maximum employment, achieve maximum production, and adjust the price-income structure so as to stop the inflationary spiral without production cutbacks or extensive unemployment." In this connection, the report foresaw a net increase of 700,000 to the labor force to make the total in 1948 average about 59 million jobs.

Establishments of firmer foundations for the long-range growth of the U. S. economy was Truman's third objective, and he outlined a 10-year plan of increasing annual national output by 35 per cent to put the real income of the people at 27 per cent above the level of 1947.

'New Look' Gives Cold Shoulder To British Clothes

London.—If any of those "Little Below the Knee" clubs are still going strong in the U. S., they may find some ready applicants among British clothing manufacturers. An estimated $4 million worth of women's clothes lying in British warehouses is getting the cold shoulder from U. S. clothing outlets because fashion experts decree they don't have the "new look."

Clothing is one of the big items through which England has tried to make up some of its dollar shortage. So the Board of Trade is still trying to find an outlet for the apparel in a country that can pay in dollars.

As a last resort, the government and manufacturers may agree to sell it to the British public at cut-price and cut-coupon rates. British women, who consider themselves lucky these days if they get one new dress every couple of years, aren't expected to measure the hemlines if these clothes are put on the market here. When prices and coupons were slashed for a limited amount of clothes at a recent sale, many women queued up all night to get a chance at the stocks.

THE MARCH OF LABOR



LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT DISMISSES SUIT AGAINST ILGWU

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco. — The million-dollar lawsuit brought in the Superior Court by Gerry of California, Inc., against the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union and the Teamsters' Union was dismissed by Superior Judge Clarence M. Hansen.

The company claimed in its suit that the unions were picketing and boycotting and were engaging in "hot cargo" and secondary boycott practices in violation of the Taft-Hartley Act. Attorney David Sokol, for the ILGWU, countered by filing unfair labor practice charges before the National Labor Relations Board, contending that after the company had recognized the ILGWU in a written agreement as the exclusive bargaining agent, it had set up a company-dominated union known as the Gerry Employees' Association, and refused to negotiate. The company had thereupon filed a 100-page lawsuit, claiming damages of $1,050,000, and asking for an injunction against the alleged "hot cargo" and "secondary boycott practices."

In the arguments in court, the ILGWU attorney and John Stevenson, Teamsters' counsel, maintained that since the Supreme Court of California had held that the "Hot Cargo" Act was unconstitutional, the company could obtain no relief in the state courts. The company's lawyers insisted, however, that, even though it was not entitled to any relief under existing decisions in California, since the enactment of the Taft-Hartley Act declaring "hot cargo" and secondary boycott actions to be unfair labor practices, the state courts could enjoin such actions until the National Labor Relations Board could act on the alleged unfair labor practices. Counsel for the unions cited numerous decisions holding that the National Labor Relations Act did not grant to private parties any rights whatsoever, but that action thereunder had to be taken by the National Labor Relations Board in the federal courts. The union counsel contended that the Taft-Hartley Act does not give a private party any right to sue for an injunction either in the federal or the state courts. This position was sustained by Judge Hansen in a precedent-making decision, in which he said: **"There are no provisions whatever granting jurisdiction to any Court to redress unfair labor practices of the character narrated in the Act. The Act gives a person injured by an unfair labor practice the right to redress in the hands of the Board and, in turn, through the instrumentality of the Board, in the Courts of the United States... temporary injunction must be denied and the demurrers sustained without leave to amend."**

FRED WEST DIES SUDDENLY

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco.—Great shock was felt in the labor movement when news was received that Fred W. West, widely known California AFL trade unionist, had died suddenly of a heart attack on January 19, in Bakersfield, where he was Secretary of the Culinary Unions. He was 44 years old.

Fred West was born in Alameda County and grew up in Stockton. He came to San Francisco in the 20's and participated in the organization of the waterfront workers and the Window Cleaners Union. He was a delegate to the San Francisco Labor Council for years, and was also an organizer for the California State Federation of Labor, in which capacity he performed yeoman's service.

He became well known throughout the state. In the Salinas agricultural strike where violence was practiced against the strikers, his role was outstanding. In 1943, he reorganized the Cooks Union in Bakersfield, and has resided there since, becoming President of the Bakersfield Central Labor Council.

In addition to his activities in the labor movement, he served as a member of the Kern County Grand Jury, and, at the time of his death, was chairman of the Council's Strike Committee of the Di Giorgio Farm dispute.

Fred West is survived by his widow, two daughters, a son, two brothers and a sister.

Burial will take place Friday, January 23, at the Green Lawn Cemetery in Bakersfield.

Upon receiving the report of his death, unions throughout the state sent appropriate floral pieces and expressed their condolences to the bereaved family and their recognition of the great services which he rendered to the labor movement.

Green Supports DAV Drive

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco.—"I cannot help but believe every thoughtful American would be sympathetic toward the work and service of the National Service Fund. I am willing to help and serve in the promotion of the aims and purpose of the Disabled American Veterans in every possible way." This was the statement made by William Green, president of the AFL, in accepting membership on the sponsoring committee of the National Service Fund of the Disabled American Veterans.

The DAV is a Congressionally-chartered organization consisting entirely of war-disabled veterans, with the sole objective of helping the 2,500,000 disabled veterans to help themselves.

To maintain its numerous services to disabled veterans and to help them accomplish the transition to useful civilian occupations, the DAV is faced with the urgent necessity of raising $2,500,000 this year, and is asking the AFL unions in this state to contribute to this important and timely campaign on behalf of those who have sacrificed their limbs and health in the service of our country.

In answering this appeal of William Green and the DAV, checks should be made payable to the National Service Fund of the Disabled American Veterans, 41 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York.

YELLOW CAB OFFICE WORKERS VOTE OEIU

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco—Consumating a six-month intensive organizational campaign, Local 36, Office Employees International Union, San Francisco, announced that as a result of a cross-check they had won the right to represent 91 office and clerical employees of the Yellow Cab Company.

Agreement was also reached by the employer and the union on a form of union security which will necessitate union membership after a maximum period of 30 days' employment.

The union is presently engaged in negotiating a contract to establish minimum wages for the various classifications, as well as improved vacation and sick-leave provisions.

Local 36 was actively assisted in the signing of the company by the American Federation of Labor Organizational Strategy Committee, and by Brother Jack Shelley, president of the San Francisco Labor Council and of the California State Federation of Labor.

Marshall Plan Debate Continues

By ALDEN TODD

Washington. — There is still plenty of room for debate and will to use it on the Marshall plan outline which Pres. Truman proposed to Congress a month ago. His message of December 19 and the testimony since then of his foremost advisors show deep concern over the stake America holds in getting Europe economically on her feet. Her failure to recover, Truman told Congress, would be dangerous to American security. He proposed a $17 billion program over a 4-year period ($6.8 billion between April 1, 1948 and July 1949) to finance American aid to the joint recovery plans of the 16 socalled Marshall plan countries.

Not all strictly western European lands, they are, exactly: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Great Britain. Western Germany is part of the economic planning of the entire picture, although she had, of course, no government representatives at the July meeting in Paris which drafted the common aid plans.

Asserting that the U. S. is the only country on earth equipped to give this area the help it needs in time to avert the political upheavals which would follow suffering and economic breakdown, both Truman and Marshall appealed to Congress for the full $17 billion. Shaving that amount down would be false economy, endangering success of the plan, they argue.

Yet within a couple of weeks they conceded that they would accept this year's installment this year, leaving appropriation of funds for the latter years of the plan to later sessions of Congress.

Clothed with the authority of bipartisanism, the plan has been met with acceptance in the abstract, but has brought criticism from several angles when brought down to concrete cases.

GOP GRUMBLES

Mumblings from several quarters on the Republican side indicate that an attempt will soon be made to cut down the first 15-month outlay of $6.8 billion, with no figure yet definitely proposed by the GOP dissidents. Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.) who heads the Republican Policy Committee doesn't see a Marshall plan administered by an Economic Cooperation Administrator of subordinate status—and insists this man be a hard-boiled executive of cabinet rank.

Sen. George Malone (R., Nev.), fearful that Europe will go socialist, Marshall plan or no, has said "there is no call for the U. S. to finance socialism all over Europe," and thinks private capital there would prefer that Uncle Sam risk his money to save its system. Many conservatives in Congress share this dismal, isolationist view.

Press comment, overwhelmingly behind the Marshall plan as a weapon against communism, has turned up certain difficulties that cannot be glossed over. Walter Lippman has pointed out that the full success of the plan requires reintegration of the west European economy, primarily industrial, with the agricultural economy of eastern Europe—even though Congress and the public is being sold the plan as a way of combatting Soviet influence in Europe.

Saul K. Padover in the newspaper PM sees futility in propping up an American version of "free enterprise" in Europe, and calls it a drain on American taxpayers. He sees danger in putting $4 billion of Marshall plan funds into western Germany, and argues that as long as Russia and the U. S. don't unify the German economy there will be continued financial waste without permanent recovery.

Henry A. Wallace, running for President as an independent, argues the Marshall plan originally was a good idea for relief of needy people, but that it has since been fitted around the Truman doctrine of military aid to governments hostile to Russia, and is now "a plan to interfere in the social, economic and political affairs of countries receiving aid."

Sen. Glen Taylor (D., Ida.) joins Wallace and a small group of others in public life insisting that aid to foreign lands should best be administered by the United Nations and controlled my UN, rather than by the U. S. alone.

While the debate continues, both AFL and CIO stand behind the Marshall plan, having made their decision in mid-October at their annual conventions before Truman spelled out the details at the special session of Congress. Their backing, as much as any other, is counted on by the Administration to put the plan across with the people of the 16 nations.

Really Inert

"Jones always strikes me as an indolent sort of chap."

"Indolent? Why that fellow is so lazy he always runs his automobile over a bump to knock the ashes off his cigar."

Perpetual Motion

A merchant stated in his will: "I want six of my creditors for pallbearers — they have carried me so long, they may as well finish the job."

Housing Expediter Emphasizes Need for Strong Rent Control Law

WASHINGTON—Opening two short weeks of hearings on a rent control act for 1948, the Senate banking subcommittee on housing and rent was given the basic facts on the need for continued control by Acting Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods.

High points of Woods' testimony, based on his experience as administrator of the weak 1947 (Wolcott) law, show the burning need for strengthening the law as well as extending its life. Subcommittee Chairman Harry Cain (R., Wash.) said he hopes his group will have a bill ready for Senate action by February 5. The present law expires on midnight February 29.

Arguing against decontrol of any special category of housing, Woods said that spot checks of 78,000 housing units newly built since February 1, 1947 and decontrolled by the 1947 law show their rent is 69 per cent above the level of comparable controlled housing. Other types of housing decontrolled last year have shown a similar upward trend, he said. Altogether 1¼ million units were decontrolled by law last July 1.

The 15 per cent blackjack increase clause, Woods said, has brought rent boosts under leases of one year or longer to more than 1.6 million units, and they were removed from the control list on January 1, 1948 in accordance with the present rent law. This clause alone, he said, accounted for decontrol of 10.6 of the housing units under rent ceilings as of last June.

In addition, the record shows that the 15 different grounds on which landlords may be granted rent boosts have been freely used in 1947. Some 186,000 petitions for rent increases have been granted in the past six months under the Wolcott law, which broadened these grounds in favor of the landlords.

Altogether the record shows that rental housing still under control has risen 4½ per cent in the first five months of the 1947 law's life, when it rose but 1 per cent during the previous 5-year period. And as for unreported, illegal rent gouging, Woods had this to say:

"The large number of over-ceiling violations since July 1, 1947, is attributable primarily to the elimination of authority for the Housing Expediter to bring treble damage suits and to protest tenants from the threat of evictions for refusal to pay over-ceiling rents."

RENT CONTROL NEEDED

Woods, whose nomination as permanent Housing Expediter will be taken up by the subcommittee after work on a rent bill has been completed, asked that rent control be extended through March 1950, with these amendments.

1. Keeping ceilings on units on which landlord has obtained a rent boost under the blackjack lease clause.

2. Permitting the expediter to sue for overcharges if the tenant does not, and allowing the expediter to refer wilful violations to the Justice Department for criminal prosecution.

3. Extending enforcement provisions to all sections of the law, including unlawful evictions, instead of limiting them to overcharges.

Senators Irving Ives (R., N.Y.) and Raymond E. Baldwin (R., Conn.) introduced a bill which would extend the rent act through June 1949. It would clarify the part played by area rent advisory committees in recommending an area ceiling boost or decontrol and would bring a rollback in residential hotel rents and reimposition of ceilings on that type of dwelling. Ives and Baldwin said in a joint statement they hope that by June 1949 new housing construction may make an end to rent control possible.

The House banking committee headed by Rep. Jesse Wolcott (R., Mich.) still has not scheduled hearings on a new rent bill, though the end of the present law is just six weeks off. A strong rent control bill introduced by Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.) has been referred to this body.

Brilliant Deduction

TEACHER — What happened in the year 1809?

JOHNNY—Lincoln was born.

TEACHER—Correct. Now what happened in 1812?

JOHNNY (after a pause)—Lincoln had his third birthday.

And That's Bad!

SOFTIE—I don't know anything worse than letting the wife find a letter you've forgotten to post.

HARDT—Oh, I do.

SOFTIE—What is it?

HARDT — Letting her find one you forgot to burn.

A Scab Is a Scab Is a Scab— And NLRB Says It's OK to Say So

Washington (LPA)—Even a lady, when walking on the picket line, may call a scab "a scab," and even a "dirty bastard" and a "s. o. b." The NLRB, with due solemnity, so ruled.

Supported by NLRB's high-minded Taft-Hartleyite, General Counsel R. H. Denham, the Sunset Line and Twine Company, an outfit which makes fishing tackle in Petaluma, charged that the vigorous language of strikers against workers who left the picket line and returned to work, constituted "coercion," an unfair labor practice.

NLRB Trial Examiner Charles W. Whittemore, after careful consideration, ruled otherwise. Here are some of the more choice passages in his ruling:

"Upon leaving the plant, after work, they were booed, jeered at, called names, and followed by strikers, in whose ranks they themselves had recently been counted. The names uttered were not complimentary.

"The spectacle of women hurling epithets at other women on the public street is hardly edifying. But the Examiner does not presume that he is asked to appraise the relative niceties of picket-line parlance. A court long ago said 'the nomenclature of the strike is not the language of the parlor.' The question is whether or not name-calling under the circumstances then existing was 'restraint and coercion' within the meaning of the Act.

"Name-calling here was primarily no more than vocally vented resentment against the behavior of girls who, in the opinion of those still adhering to the strike, had become deserters. The Examiner discovers nothing in the Act, as amended, or in Congressional debates during its drafting, which determines that name-calling as an expression of opinion is an unfair labor practice.

"The terms used by the girls in this case—'scabs,' 'bastards,' and 's. o. b.s'—although unrestrained, contain no apparent 'threat of reprisal or force,' and clearly 'no promise of benefit.'" **(That's for sure.)**

LIGHTS OUT



As he retires after more than 30 years of manipulating the lamps that light up the movie sets and make the film stars bright, Johnny Thwaites of Local 728, International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees (AFL) gets a gold watch from fellow workers. Incidentally, that's Rosalind Russell making the presentation.

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Political Meet Maps Program Of Election Issues

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benefits which would provide a minimum standard of living, free from present inequalities. They defended the right of public employees to organize and name their bargaining agent and denounced any move to lengthen the 40-hour week. All these were unanimously adopted by the general session.

Wayne Edwards, secretary of the Monterey Central Labor Council and president of the Teachers' Union, was chairman of the civil rights panel which drafted resolution condemning the Rankin and Tenney committee, favoring full protection of civil liberties, child care and academic freedom in the schools, with a recommendation that more labor economics and history of trade unions be taught in the high schools.

PUBLIC WELFARE

The public welfare panel reported two initiatives to be circulated soon for signatures to place them on the ballot in November. First, was the senior citizens' proposal, which includes abolition of cross-filing and the sales tax. Second was a housing initiative which would provide 100,000 homes for rent to low income families in California under the administration of local housing authorities, city or county.

The conference voted against the UMT bill now before Congress, concluding with a discussion of registration. Not only deputy registrars in stores and union offices but many "roving" registrars will be needed to register the very large number of people who have never registered or who did not vote last election.

Only 26,500 people out of the 109,000 estimated population of Monterey County are now registered, almost 10,000 having been dropped from the rolls in the last year, mostly for failing to vote. Only a good candidate and a good program can get people to the polls, the group agreed, but they can't cast a ballot unless they are registered in advance.

CANDIDATES PRESENT

Two candidate for Congress were present, Don Macmillan of San Luis Obispo County, endorsed by some Democratic committeemen meeting in San Luis Obispo the week before, visited the morning session. Thor Krogh, principal of Monterey Union High School, and a prospective candidate, spoke briefly, explaining his stand on the platform adopted by the conference and answered questions from the delegates.

Full minutes of the meeting will be mailed this week to all the persons who attended and can also be obtained from George Rice, treasurer, or Margaret Moreau, secretary of the conference committee, 315 Alvarado Street, Monterey.

Registration fees and donations paid for the printing of announcements and other expenses, Brother Rice announced in his financial report, but further funds will be needed for mailing and the work of the continuations committee.

The original committee was augmented by volunteers at the conference who will help follow up the recommendations adopted there; work for full registration, and make recommendations on candidates. Those present agreed that the spirit of real cooperation and friendliness between so many diverse groups was the best argument for its continuation.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243

Carl Lara, business manager for Electrical Workers 243 of Salinas, was in San Francisco recently to attend a "progress meeting" called for IBEW representatives.

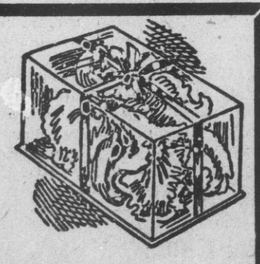
Lara reports that the meeting was educational and instructive. Business sessions were at the Whitcomb Hotel in San Francisco.

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Randolph Smith, electrical contractor at Castroville, has signed an agreement with Local 243, Lara reports.

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Local 243 has no unemployed members at present and more men could be put to work, according to Business Manager Lara.

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ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? IF NOT, COME IN TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNION AND THE GIRLS WILL BE GLAD TO REGISTER YOU FOR VOTING. BOTH BERNICE REDLIN AND FRANCES HAYNES ARE REGISTRARS AND WILL ISSUE YOU A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION. DO IT NOW.

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REMEMBER THAT LABOR HAS A DATE IN 1948, to rid the statute books of the Taft-Hartley Bill and those Congressmen that voted for it. Remember that your present congressman, Bramblett, voted for the Taft-Hartley Bill.

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Attention, all members of Local 890: Your Union requests you to support and vote for the proposed School Bonds election to be held February 10th, 1948. This will take in the Salinas Union High School District, comprising Salinas, Alisal and portions of Castroville. Important that this measure be voted in for the good of all people in the district.

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ARE YOU GETTING THE MONTEREY COUNTY LABOR NEWS? If not, please come in to the office or notify the office by phone that you are not receiving the paper, so that we may be able to make sure you are on the mailing list. It is very important that you receive this paper, as items of interest and the political picture will be given to you from time to time. We must take interest in our Union along with interest in our county, and vote as good citizens always do. We will be confronted with anti-labor bills by anti-labor Congressmen if we fail to do our part—REGISTER NOW SO THAT YOU WILL BE AN ELIGIBLE VOTER.

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Organization work is going on in the Beer and Cab industries; and a campaign will be forthcoming in other phases of the trucking industry as well, to organize all members that rightfully come under this Union, to bring about wages, hours and working conditions that these unorganized workers should have.

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Most of our members know their blood type because at one time or another have donated blood to the blood bank. The Union, through its executive board and officers, has started a campaign whereby we ask all members in the Union, at some time or another, perhaps members of the family or relatives will need blood. If we have the blood type listed for all our members, we can very easily notify these members when and if blood of their type is needed. You can never tell, it may be one of your family that will need this help because of illness, etc.

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New contracts recently signed are: S. P. Milling Company, Mitchell-Silliman Company and the Eckhart Seed Company in the seed industry, giving those employees in most classifications a .15 per hour wage increase.

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Agreements have also been consumated in the Bread Industry, covering Langendorf, Sunlite, Kilpatrick, Ramona, Pollyanna and Modern bakeries.

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If you are unemployed, please contact the Union and leave your name and telephone number so that we may contact you in the event any new jobs open up.

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Pay your dues on or before the first of every month to be sure you are covered by our Insurance Plan.

We urge our members to give to the utmost toward the March of Dimes drive to aid in the prevention and cure of polio. This is a very worthy cause and we never know when we will need these services that we are donating to; and it is available to everyone when they are in need.

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DON'T FORGET, THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE NOMINATED FOR OFFICE: Jim Kelley and Ray Burdett for Vice President, unexpired term to run two years; Art Bernard and Jerry Burns for Trustee, one three-year term and Manuel Martin for Trustee, two-year term. Only members in good standing will be eligible to vote. Balloting will be at the office of the Union at Main and John Streets, Salinas, and at the Monterey office at 315 Alvarado Street—all day, February 5.

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BUY UNION MADE GOODS AND PATRONIZE ONLY THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS THAT HAVE THE UNION SHOP CARD. BUY SHOP CARD WISE, BECAUSE ONLY THEN WILL YOU BE SURE THAT THE EMPLOYEES WORKING FOR FIRMS YOU PATRONIZE ARE RECEIVING GOOD WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

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REGISTER TO VOTE.

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CHECK YOUR JOB, BROTHER

Here is a job that every loyal Union Teamster should undertake: check your own job. Ask the new man who shows up for work if he is a member of the union. See that he complies with the agreement which we have with the employers. That's the only way we can protect the working conditions that have been built up for the Teaming crafts through years of hard struggle.

In days of old, which a great many Teamsters remember, it was customary to greet the new man on the job with a pleasant request that he exhibit his book and otherwise indicate that he was a member in good standing. Perhaps this good old custom has fallen by the wayside in recent years, but it is time to revive it.

It's a part of the duty of a loyal union man to check up, to see that the man working next to him also has a right to wear the button. If we fail in this we will undermine the strength of our organization, and this must not happen.

Take this to heart, brothers. Remember that your wages and conditions did not just happen by accident like "Topsy." They are the result of hard work and of some tough days. They will remain in force just as long as we protect them by our interest in our organization and our loyalty to it.

Check your own job!

PAINTERS L. U. 1104

Classes for apprentices and journeymen have been started again by Painters Union 1104, according to Carl Lara, business manager, with classes at the Hartnell A. & M. School.

The painters meet for classes at 7:15 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Journeymen are interested in the painting training course for the advanced work offered, Lara said.

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A meeting is planned for painters of the King City area shortly in an effort to form a local unit under Painters 1104 of Salinas.

Painters of the King City area had asked for a separate charter, but because of the few painters and the smallness of such a union, the separate charter was denied and Local 1104 was asked to form a branch unit, according to Business Agent Lara.

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Next meeting of Local 1104 will be Tuesday, January 27, at Salinas Labor Temple.

CARPENTER ROUNDUP

Business Manager George Harter of Salinas Carpenters 925 was in Oakland recently, attending a reorganization meeting of the California State Council of Carpenters.

Harter reports that the representatives at the joint meeting discussed the possibility of creating a full-time office, a full-time secretary, and a full-time president for the State Council.

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The Dan Caputo overpass job on Sanborn Road extension is about ready to call for carpenters, Bro. Harter reports.

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Carpenters are now being called to the Harold Geyer construction job at the Salinas California building.

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Many of our members are employed on the South Main Street projects, such as the Woolworth, Sears, and Penney stores.

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Start of the Thrifty Drugs Store project has been delayed for reasons not announced.

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A new drive-in theatre is to be erected in the Salinas area shortly.

According to information from the Federal Department of Agriculture rats and mice account for a loss of $200,000,000 worth of grain in this country yearly based on the 1945 prices.

MINUTES

Central Labor Council

The meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council minutes of January 20 was called to order by Pres. McCutcheson.

The roll call showed the presence of twelve delegates from seven locals. Regular officers present were **Pres. McCutcheon, Sec.-Treasurer Edwards and Sergeant - at - Arms** Alves.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Mrs. Moreau reported on the legislative conference meeting in San Luis Obispo on the 18th. She reported on the attendance and on the great variety of organizations represented. The minutes of this conference will be sent to all organizations that sent delegates. A good number of progressive resolutions were adopted. There was also some discussion of candidates to run for congress.

The secretary's bill for $5.73 for expenses in attending the conference were approved and ordered paid.

On complaint of the Barbers, Frank Nunes has been cited to appear at this meeting. Neither he nor any representative appeared. It was moved, seconded and passed that Frank Nunes be placed on the "We Don't Patronize" list. The Barbers were authorized to place a picket if they see fit.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES

The Barbers, Cannery Workers and Glass Bottle Blowers reported no meetings.

The Barbers reported a small meeting and routine business.

The Carpenters reported a good meeting; five new members; a good feed and much discussion.

The Teamsters reported that they have not received very good support in their efforts to have drivers asked for their cards when delivering goods.

The following officers were elected for the coming term of six months: President, E. D. McCutcheon, Vice Pres. Rolland R. Robinson, Secretary - Treas., Wayne Edwards, Sergeant - at - Arms, Glen Wilkerson.

It was announced that a hearing regarding milk prices would be held in Watsonville on February 2. It was moved, seconded and passed that the council send a letter protesting against a price raise.

The financial report was read and accepted and the meeting adjourned.

WAYNE EDWARDS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Mexican Printers' Strike

Mexico City. — Called in to arbitrate a two-month printers' strike, the government Conciliation and Arbitration Board declared the strike illegal and refused to consider any concession to workers' demands.

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BLDG. TRADES COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey County, called to order by Chairman Ray Isakson at 8:00 p.m., January 15.

Roll call showed 18 delegates from 8 local unions present.

Minutes of the previous meeting, Dec. 18, 1947, read, and after Bro. Alsop's name was stricken from the report, it was accepted by the Council. Minutes of the Executive Board meeting of Dec. 29, 1947, were read. It was moved, seconded, and carried, the report be accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Four Weekly Newsletters were noted.

A letter and forms for bonding financial secretary received from the American Federation of Labor.

Minutes of the Monterey Central Labor Council of December 16, 1947, and January 6, 1948, read and filed.

A Social Security bulletin read.

A letter from the State Compensation Insurance Fund read and filed.

A call to conference at San Luis Obispo read.

A letter from Pile Drivers Local Union 34, requesting organized labor to stay away from the Municipal Wharf in Santa Cruz, read and filed.

All bills were read and ordered paid.

The Trustees were instructed to obtain bond for the financial secretary from any appropriate bonding company.

BUSINESS AGENT'S REPORT

Bro. Rial reported Teamsters Local Union 890 wished to co-operate with this Council. Bro. Rial reported he would be away for a few days and wished Bro. Bolin to assume the Business Agent's duties until he gets back. Bro. Bolin reports all painters working at this time. It was moved, seconded and carried, the Business Agent's report be accepted.

REPORTS OF UNIONS

Brickmasons 16: No report.

Carpenters 1323: Good meeting; very good attendance.

Electricians 1072: Routine meeting.

Laborers 690: Large attendance; routine meeting.

Painters 272: Routine meeting; small attendance.

Plasterers 337: No report.

Plumbers 62: No meeting.

Sheet Metal Workers 304: Small meeting.

Roofers 50: No report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report of Trustees on progress of audit of the books.

Charges by Bro. Alsop read and referred to the Executive Board. Executive Board to meet February 5, 1948, at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved, seconded, and carried we send a delegate to the conference at San Luis Obispo, January 18, 1948. French was selected to attend as delegate, and is to be paid by the Council upon presentation of the bill.

It was moved, seconded and carried a letter be sent to Teamsters Local 890, requesting they affiliate with the Council.

It was moved, seconded and carried the business agent be given Sundays off in the future.

It was moved, seconded and carried Bro. Bolin act as business agent while Bro. Rial is away.

It was moved, seconded and carried we have the sign painted out on our former hall.

A motion was made by Bro. Mason and seconded by Bro. Bolin we retain Ralph Marron as attorney. It was moved this motion be laid over until our February 19 meeting.

The financial report having been read, we adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY FOSTER,
Recording Secretary.

ATTENTION, ALL MEMBERS!

Pile Drivers Local 34 has placed a picket on the Municipal Wharf at Santa Cruz and asks organized labor to spend its vacation elsewhere.

LABORERS UNION 272

Few members of Laborers Union 272 have been idle this winter with good weather keeping jobs running, with work progressing on jobs underway and with new jobs due to start.

Business Manager J. B. McGinley of Laborers 272, back on the job after influenza, reports that the employment picture is excellent.

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Laborers are busy on the Dan Caputo job of erecting an overpass over the Southern Pacific tracks on the Sanborn Road extension.

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Raymond Concrete Co. of San Francisco is driving piles for the underpass job.

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M. Agranbright & Sons, Los Angeles brick contractors, are busy with brick work on the J. C. Penney store job.

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Structural steel is going up on the Sears Roebuck store job.

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Laborers are kept busy on the Salinas California building construction across from the courthouse.

Argentine Labor Issues News in Four Languages

Buenos Aires. — The Argentine Confederation of Labor, one of the few Latin American union bodies with no ties to the labor movements of its neighboring countries, is inaugurating a regular news bulletin in four languages—Spanish, French, English and Portuguese—with the apparent aim of reaching unionists in other countries.

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LOCAL 483 REPORTS

HOTEL AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES & BARTENDERS ALLIANCE 483
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

After a four-day bout with the Virus "X" (just plain "flu" to me!) your secretary is once more back on the job, considerably behind in his work! That, it seems, is a never-ending problem with a business agent, etc. for Local 483. The germs of the Virus "X" must have been acquired in San Luis Obispo on Sunday, January 18, at the all-day meet of the 11th Congressional District gathering of the California Legislative Conference.

The conference was presided over by myself, in the absence of the previously elected chairman, Brother B. W. Oberhulser, secretary of the Building Trades Council at San Luis, and was attended by more than 100 delegates, representing various unions, veterans' groups, senior citizens, and others. For a more detailed report on the session, please read the report of the district secretary, which is printed elsewhere in this paper.

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The Snack Bar, 341 Alvarado Street, which closed its doors recently, will be reopened this week as "The Galley" under the joint management of Jimmy Moore and W. F. Craig. The new owners have completely modernized the site, and the new cafe will be a clean, attractive addition to Alvarado Street. Naturally, it will prominently display the Union House Card.

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Angelo and Johnny Di Girolamo were the unfortunate victims of a fire which swept through Angelo's Sea Food Pizzeria on Fishermen's Wharf on Thursday night, January 22. The entire kitchen was burned out, including all equipment. It is estimated that at least a month will be required to make repairs and get the restaurant opened for business once more. Meanwhile, the employees of Angelo's will probably get an enforced vacation, since business generally is so slow that they cannot be readily put to work in other houses.

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Negotiations are presently in progress with Hotel San Carlos for a working agreement covering the service workers, and with Mission Inn for an agreement covering the bartenders and the Estrada Room employees, the big majority of whom have chosen Local 483 as their bargaining agent. It is hoped that agreement will be reached in both cases in time to make a detailed report to the membership at our next regular meeting, February 2, at 2:30 p.m.. Plan to be present at that time to welcome into the local these new members.

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Many members have broached the subject of compulsory physical examinations for food handlers of the Monterey Peninsula area during recent months. The subject is an interesting one, and should be brought before the entire membership. It has been suggested that the recommendations of Local 483 be presented to the Monterey City Council for possible action by the City; so, if such recommendations are made by our next meeting, the City Council will be approached at its next regular meeting. What do YOU think?

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The monthly audit of the books disclosed that 69 of our members are in such poor standing that they are in danger of being suspended at the end of January, when the next report is prepared. This is an alarming number of members to have delinquent and it probably is due mainly to the carelessness of the individual members. Don't let YOUR standing be placed in jeopardy! Remember that your Burial Benefit and your Sick Benefits both depend upon your GOOD STANDING with the local. Keep your dues paid TO DATE at all times, and take no chances on being suspended. The benefits to which a PAID UP MEMBER is eligible are far too important to be treated lightly or carelessly.

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Don't forget—next regular meeting Monday afternoon, February 1, at 2:30 p.m. Let's have a GOOD attendance, and lots of discussion for the good and welfare of our union.

GEORGE L. RICE,
Secretary.

SALINAS COUNCIL REPORTS

By J. W. DEER, Secretary

The Monterey County Central Labor Council, at Salinas, will sponsor a boxing card at the Salinas Armory late in February, with net proceeds going to the March of Dimes.

Exact date of the fight card has not been set but promoters said the affair would be in February. Only expenses will be taken out of the gate receipts and all that is left will go to the March of Dimes from the labor council.

Advance sale of tickets by Labor Council members will be started at once.

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Four delegates attended the California Legislative Conference meeting in San Luis Obispo recently from the Salinas labor council. They were Carl Lara, council president; John W. Deer, council secretary; George Harter, business manager of Carpenters 925, and W. G. Kenyon, business representative of Teamsters 890.

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The coming school bond election, designed to raise funds for necessary improvements to the Salinas Union High School and to establish new junior high schools, was officially endorsed by the Salinas labor council last week.

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Following reports that the Freedom Train would by-pass Salinas on its trip north from Los Angeles, the Central Labor Council last week opened a campaign to have this famous train stop off at Salinas long enough for inspection by local residents.

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Revision of the constitution and by-laws of the Central Labor Council is underway with a special committee handling the matter. The committee includes E. L. Courtright, John Deer, Randolph Fenchel, A. B. Woodward, and Walter Lester.

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A GENTLE REMINDER



MARINE MOVE TO JOIN FLEET IN MEDITERRANEAN RAISES DOUBTS ABOUT U. S. FOREIGN POLICY

By ISRAEL EPSTEIN

When the strongest country on earth proclaims that it is ready to lick anyone in sight, nobody in the world can feel comfortable. Yet that is what happened no sooner had 1948 begun—making sure that the whole year will be one of alarm, if not worse.

On New Year's Day the U. S. Navy Department suddenly announced that combat troops of the crack 2nd Marine Division would join the fleet in the Mediterranean sea, thousands of miles from American territory. On January 4 they embarked from Moorehead City, N. C. Though the movement was described as "normal," marines on ships in peacetime have up to now been few, armed with rifles and pistols only. This batch was thrice the usual number. It went off on amphibious landing craft with tanks, flame-throwers, guns, trucks and jeeps—everything ready to establish beachheads ashore.

The U. S. is a democracy which does not launch military expeditions every day, so one would have expected prior explanation to the public or a thorough airing in Congress. Neither happened. What's more, though sending troops abroad is foreign policy, the State Department admitted calmly that it hadn't been asked. The Navy action, it said, was "undertaken without consultation because of its relatively minor importance."

TROOPS FOR GREECE?

Lacking any official word, many commentators guessed the troops are meant for Greece. Why? A large part of Greece's population is in revolt against a hated king and a government so unpopular that neither British armies nor U. S. weapons and money enabled it to control the country. Now the affair is supposed to be under investigation by the United Nations. Accusations of Albanian and Yugoslav aid to the rebels have been made but without clear proof. The UN has never asked the U. S., which is a member, to intervene militarily.

Other writers have speculated that the troops aim at Italy. Why? Italy has no civil war, just labor fighting for more wages—and to keep Mussolini's old-time fascists from sailing back into the government under new colors.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, retiring Navy chief of staff, came up January 7 with a statement more frightening than these possibilities, which are bad enough. He indicated that dotting U. S. forces all over the globe is no stop-gap but a new policy. Recalling that Britain once "ruled the waves," Nimitz boasted that American naval power can rule waves and land masses both.

Since the seas are "free," he declared, "the naval forces are able, without resorting to diplomatic channels, to establish off-shore anywhere in the world floating airfields with machine shops, ammunition dumps, tank farms . . . mobile offensive bases that can be employed with the unique attributes of secrecy and surprise."

IF TABLES WERE TURNED

One can understand how sitting on other people's seacoast doorsteps with all that hardware can appeal to an admiral. It's his business, and useful in war. But to rejoice publicly today that "diplomatic channels" are of no further use is new to America's tradition—and pretty frightening to other lands. **Think how America would feel if someone else had the fleet and announced that they would send battle wagons instead of ambassadors, parking "ammunition dumps, tank farms, offensive bases"—and atom bombs—just beyond the 3-mile limit of U. S., or in Mexican or Panama waters.**

It's only human nature that, having heard this, every foreign country that doesn't owe or hope to owe too many bucks to Uncle Sam will stop admitting that its control extends only three miles beyond its beaches. They'll say that this old international law was meant to insure safety when warships could shoot only cannon balls, and no longer applies. Then U. S. admirals and generals can be expected to reply that "the freedom of the seas" is being violated and that the 3-mile limit is the "frontier of civilization vs. barbarism" or "democracy vs. totalitarianism."

They will brush off as irrelevant such precedents as the American navy's fencing off no less than 130,000 square miles of free and open water near Eniwetok island, western Pacific, as an "atomic proving" ground. Foreign vessels are now warned, by the way, that they enter there at their peril.

Had enough trouble in 1947? Want a new type in 1948? Here it is, delivered right to your home though you never ordered it.



More than 100,000 of Europe's million homeless refugees were resettled during 1947. New homes were found for them in South America, Canada, Australia, Western Europe and Palestine, partly by the International Refugee Organization (another of U.N.'s Specialized Agencies), partly by Member Governments and private organizations. IRO is expected to hit its full stride in 1948.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS ASK T-H REPEAL, HIT UMT

Pittsburgh (LPA) — Leaders of the Christian and Jewish religious communities joined union spokesmen in calling for the outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, for enactment of strong price control and rationing legislation, and for control over monopolies.

Meeting at the 15th Annual Conference of the National Religion and Labor Foundation the church and labor leaders also declared their opposition to universal military training, and urged full support of the President's Civil Rights Report.

The 175 delegates represented 20 states, 24 religious bodies, and 19 unions—AFL, CIO, and unaffiliated. **"Moral law demands profound reformation of the American economic system," they pointed out. Monopoly concentrates the benefits of industrial effort in the hands of the few, the Conference concluded, after examining the workings of the "free enterprise system," and urged the extension of industrial democracy through more cooperative and public ownership.**

Commenting on Taft-Hartley, churchmen joined trade unionists in declaring: "It is basically unfair, and the law should be repealed outright and the Wagner Act should be reenacted in the interest of social justice."

WAGE-PRICE POLICY STUDY TO CONTINUE

Washington. — Warning that present price policies are based on a theory that high production will not continue, and that wage adjustments should not be based on "the sheer forces which one party or the other can exert," President Truman directed a continued study of pricing policies by his Council of Economic Advisers.

"Collective bargaining must be based on a better understanding of the long-range interests of management and labor in the context of the interests of the whole economy," he said in his economic report.

"The greatest opportunity for bringing about economic betterment lies in achieving and maintaining a proper balance among prices, wages and profits. One of the purposes of the Employment act is to provide a new climate for pricing policies. . . .

"Therefore, I have instructed the Council of Economic Advisers to continue its work on this problem with the representatives of all groups concerned. The results of such a study should contribute to the development of sound legislative proposals. But its most important outcome should be a wider and deeper understanding on the part of the government, business, labor and consumer groups as to the price, wage and production policies and practices which will contribute most fully to the maintenance of high levels of consumption and investment."

Besides being a world playground, having large manufacturing and commercial interests New Jerseys agricultural and fruit interests are large and valuable.

Salinas J.C. Enrollment Still Open

Though second semester classes began at Salinas Junior College last Wednesday, new students may register until February 13, President John B. Lemos announces. Regular registration was Monday and Tuesday, January 26 and 27.

While it is possible to delay registration for two weeks, this is not advisable because basic material will be missed in the courses, Mr. Lemos pointed out.

Salinas Junior College offers all necessary lower division courses for transfer to a major university as well as many cultural and vocational classes. The college has a particularly large commercial department and has a constant demand for trained commercial students.

Agricultural and technical courses are presented in conjunction with Hartnell School of Agriculture and Mechanics. More than 200 acres of land are being developed with agricultural projects at Hartnell. The shops are equipped with the finest tools and equipment for auto mechanics, truck and tractor repair, radio and electronics, machine shop and carpentry.

PUBLIC SALE --- 1849 STYLE

Carl Crisp, member of Salinas Teamsters 890, uncovered a century-old newspaper last week among some old family possessions. One story, an item about a "public sale" caught his eye and he submitted it to the Labor News for publication. The paper was printed in Kentucky. Note the sale of slaves, the contrast and comparison between property of then and today:

PUBLIC SALE

Having sold my farm and am leaving for "Oregon Territory" by ox team, will offer on March 1, 1849, all of my personal property, to-wit: All ox teams except two teams, Buck and Ben and Tom and Jerry; 2 milk cows; 1 gray mare and colt; 1 pair of oxen and yoke; 1 baby yoke; 2 ox carts; 1 iron plow with wood mole board; 800 feet of popular weather boards; 1,500 ten-foot fence rails; 1 sixty-gallon soap kettle; 85 sugar troughs made of white ash timber; 10 gallons of maple syrup; 2 spinning wheels; 30 pounds of mutton tallow; 1 large loom made by Jerry Wilson; 300 hoop pones; 100 split hoops; 100 empty barrels; 1 32-gallon barrel of Johnson-Miller whisky 7 years old; 20 gallons of apple brandy; 1 40-gallon copper still; oak tan leather; 1 dozen reel hooks; 2 handle hooks; 3 scythes and cradles; 1 dozen wooden pitchforks; one-half interest in tan yard; 1 32-caliber rifle; bullet mold and powder horn; rifle made by Ben Miller; 50 gallons of soft soap; hams, bacon and lard; 40 gallons of sorghum molasses; 6 head of fox hounds, all soft-mouthed except one.

At the same time I will sell my six negro slaves—two men 35 and 50 years old, two boys, mulatto wenches 40 and 30 years old. Will sell all together to same party as will not separate them.

Terms of sale, cash in hand, or note to draw 4 per cent interest with Bob McConnell as security.

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